

SPECIAL MEETING

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL

**7:00 P.M.
April 7, 2015
Rm. 217**

Minutes

Attendance: Members—Judy Borden (Chair), Helga Gordon, Judy Wyman Kelly (Secretary), David Knishkowsky, Mary Ann Langton, Karyl Shaughnessy. Town Liaison—Marcia Lewis. Public—Krishna Adhikari.

1. **Minutes.** It was moved (Karyl S) and seconded (Judy K) that the minutes from 1.6.15 Special Meeting be approved with no changes. The vote passed unanimously.
2. **NCCJ**—Andrea Kandel of the National Conference for Community and Justice spoke to the Commission about the benefits and costs of facilitating a retreat/training. The Commission discussed desired goals and outcomes and will explore options for obtaining private/public funding to cover some of the costs. The topic will be discussed again at the next meeting.
3. November 3 meeting date was changed to November 10 due to election day conflict. January, 2016 meeting date was scheduled for January 5, with January 12 as a snow date.
4. **MLK Day recap.** Event went well. Next year put tables at the front entrance and the side entrance (near inner hallway to catch people who park in the front parking lot). Conard students helped with the sign-up sheets.
5. **Mascot Issue.** BOE decided at March meeting to prohibit all mascots and names related to any ethnic or racial group except for the names Chieftain and Warrior. Commission discussed pros and cons of this decision.
6. **Goals for 2015**—Possibilities include, book readings at the library, Girl Rising project, Human Rights Day (Dec. 10) in the public schools, Park Rd. parade, etc.
7. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.
8. **Next meeting.** Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 7 pm, Town Hall, room 400.

Minutes submitted by Judy Wyman Kelly